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1. When the period of lowered wages ended on 20 July 1953, the women workers in the Elbe Rubber Works<sup>1</sup> received increased payments of three to eight DM East. A sitdown strike resulted in immediate additional payments.
2. At the Piesteritz Nitrogen Works,<sup>2</sup> furnace workers went on strike and cut off the carbide furnaces. The reason for this was that they had hitherto received 150 DME during the wage reduction period but when this ended, they received only 30 DME (sic). In addition, the wage diminution subsidies were not paid. The result of the strike was an additional payment of 50 DME and restoration of the diminished wages.
3. Dispossessed owners of industries, who asked for their businesses back, in view of governmental statements, were turned down by the authorities.
- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] railway station in the first half of July 1953, fifty-eight freight cars were counted, filled with participants in the mass demonstrations of 17 June 1953, apparently being taken to the USSR. The cars were nailed shut, and openings barred with barbed wire. The cries of the prisoners indicated that they had been mistreated and were not being provisioned on the journey.

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. VEB Gummiwerk Elbe, Piesteritz near Klein Wittenberg (Elbe).

- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Stickstoffwerk Piesteritz (SAG), Lutherstadt Wittenberg-Piesteritz.

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